

# LSC: 2008 by the Numbers

There were **50,876,000** Americans eligible for LSC-funded assistance.

**17,645,000** children were eligible for LSC-funded assistance.

Grantees closed a total of **889,155** civil legal aid cases.

In those cases, **645,855** of the clients were women.

In **535,783** cases, counsel and advice was provided.

**74,672** cases were resolved by court decisions.

**35,718** private attorneys helped grantees by taking cases.

They closed **93,174** cases.

**8,892** full-time staff worked as LSC-funded programs.

Of those full-time staff, **4,144** were attorneys.

They were assisted by **1,581** paralegals.

Legal services were provided at **918** LSC-funded offices.

The offices were operated by **137** nonprofit legal aid programs funded by LSC.

# LSC: 2008 Highlights

## Congressional Support

House and Senate Appropriations Committees, with bipartisan support, recommended \$390 million for the LSC Fiscal 2009 budget, a \$40 million increase from the previous year.

## Grant Awards

In 2008, LSC provided \$333 million in grants for the delivery of civil legal services. LSC also awarded \$2.3 million to 33 programs for Technology Initiative Grants, and assisted 89 attorneys in the LSC student loan repayment program.

## Foreclosure Collaboration

LSC closed 11,173 foreclosure and predatory mortgage lending cases in 2008, the first year that grantees specifically collected data on foreclosures. LSC also sponsored national conference calls to share legal, legislative and judicial initiatives with dozens of national consumer and housing organizations and LSC-funded programs.

## Disaster Assistance

Victims of hurricanes Ike and Gustav, the Midwest flooding and other natural disasters received assistance from LSC-funded programs. LSC and the American Red Cross entered into a memorandum of understanding to work more closely together during disaster relief operations. LSC partnered with the American Bar Association, National Legal Aid & Defender Association and Pro Bono Net to launch [www.disasterlegalaid.org](http://www.disasterlegalaid.org) to help victims of disasters, as well as advocates and volunteers, to speed their recovery from disasters.

## Executive Directors Conference

Executive directors of LSC-funded programs gathered for a two-day session on “Confronting the Justice Gap” that focused on promoting quality in legal services programs.

## Initiatives

LSC staff implemented an improved system of data collection and reporting, enabling LSC and grantees to better capture the work done for eligible clients.

LSC issued *Technology Capacities That Should Be in Place in a Legal Aid Office Today*, and announced that a technology plan will be required as part of each grant and renewal application for 2010.